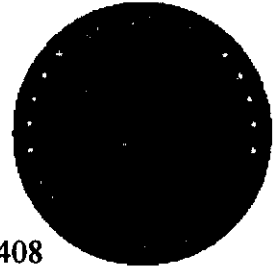


# County of San Luis Obispo

## Department of Veterans Services



Veterans Memorial Building, 801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408  
Telephone: (805) 781-5766 • FAX: (805) 781-5769

**Dana M. Cummings**  
Veterans Service Officer

02/11/2013

Dear Supporters of our local Veterans community:

As the County Veterans Service Officer I have seen firsthand the struggles that our Homeless/at risk Veterans face on a daily basis. These brave men and women signed up to defend our nation, when they left their homes to do so they were whole and unbroken. Though many have returned whole, there is a percentage that come home shaken and need our help in rebuilding the life they had before service.

My office will be hosting a Stand Down to help these veterans in their rebuilding process. The Stand Down will be held over a 2 day period starting the evening of May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and ending the afternoon of May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Veterans Hall in San Luis Obispo. The concept of the Stand Down is a time when troops can come home from battle to a place of safety and rest. Our Stand Down will be a way to welcome all veterans especially those returning from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq who need our help. For 24 hours, we will provide a place where our returning warriors can access resources, receive services like medical care, legal services, employment services, and spiritual and mental care.

More importantly, the Stand Down is a way for the community to express concern for veterans in a tangible and positive way. Your donation to this event will help us provide the resources the Veterans so desperately need.

**Please send your tax deductible donation to the San Luis Obispo County Veterans Services Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. In the memo section please write Veterans Outreach/Stand-Down.**

If you have any questions please call (805)781-5766 and ask to speak with Travis Rochelle our Veterans Outreach Coordinator.

Sincerely,

**Dana M. Cummings**  
County Veterans Service Officer